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SUBJ: BAN ON COMMERCIAL IMPORTATION OF KANGAROO PRODUCTS -
SUBMISSION OF GOA CERTIFICATION FOR NEW SOUTH WALES,
QUEENSLAND AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA

REF: STATE 043102

1. THE EMBASSY TRANSMITS THE FULL TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE
703/1/1 OF 28 APRIL CONCERNING THE IMPORT BAN IMPOSED
BY THE U.S. ON THE COMMERCIAL IMPORTATION OF KANGAROO SKINS
AND PRODUCTS:

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS
COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE CURRENT BAN IMPOSED BY THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA ON THE IMPORTATION OF KANGAROO SKINS AND
PRODUCTS HAS THE HONOUR TO ADVISE AS FOLLOWS:

QTE THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE HAS
INFORMED THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT IT WILL
RECONSIDER THE CURRENT BAN ON THE IMPORTATION INTO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF KANGAROO SKINS AND PRODUCTS
FOR THREE SPECIES OF COMMERCIALY HARVESTED KANGAROO IF
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THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MEETS CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

THESE CONDITIONS ARE THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALLY CERTIFY:

QTE 1. THAT EACH STATE COMMERCIALY HARVESTING KANGAROOS
HAS IMPLEMENTED AN EFFECTIVE SUSTAINED-YIELD MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM FOR EACH OF THE THREE KANGAROO SPECIES (RED,
EASTERN GREY AND WESTERN GREY) WHICH OCCURRS IN THAT
STATE;

QTE 2. THAT THE TAKING OF THESE SPECIES IN THAT STATE
WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR SURVIVAL IN THAT WILD
WITHIN THE STATE;

QTE 3. THAT ALL ANIMALS, PARTS OR PRODUCTS OF THESE
SPECIES OFFICIALLY EXPORTED COMMERCIALY TO THE UNITED
STATES WILL HAVE BEEN LAWFULLY TAKEN IN AN APPROVED
STATE AND LAWFULLY EXPORTED;

QTE 4. THAT NONE OF THE THREE SPECIES BE OFFICIALLY
LISTED OR CLASSIFIED AS "VERMIN" BY THE STATE IN QUESTION.

QTE THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
APPROACHED THE FOUR STATES IN QUESTION (NEW SOUTH WALES,
QUEENSLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA) SEEKING
THEIR CERTIFICATION ON THESE ABOVE POINTS. THE RED
KANGAROO IS STILL LISTED AS VERMIN IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
AND UNTIL THIS CLASSIFICATION IS LIFTED THE WESTERN
AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES WILL NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ISSUE
SUCH CERTIFICATION.

QTE STEPS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO RECTIFY THIS
SITUATION IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND WHEN THIS HAS BEEN
ACCOMPLISHED IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN
DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE WILL ISSUE THE
NECESSARY CERTIFICATES.

QTE KANGAROO CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS DEVELOPED
BY THESE FOUR STATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN
GOVERNMENT AND ON THE BASIS OF THESE PROGRAMS THE BAN ON
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WITH THESE PROGRAMS IN THESE FOUR STATES HAS BEEN LIFTED.
IN THE CASE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA THE BAN WAS LIFTED ON
THE BASIS OF ASSURANCES FROM THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINISTER
THAT THE VERMIN CLASSIFICATION WOULD BE LIFTED.

QTE IT IS NOW CONSIDERED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO
BARRIER TO THE IMPORTATION OF KANGAROO SKINS AND PRODUCTS
TO THE UNITED STATES FROM NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEENSLAND

AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS DETAILED BY THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WISHES TO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEENSLAND AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAVE NOW COMPLETELY SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON THE FOUR CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE.

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THE EMBASSY COULD FORWARD THIS ADVICE, TOGETHER WITH THE ENCLOSED COPIES OF THE OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES AND KANGAROO CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE STATES OF NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEENSLAND AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA, TO THE APPROPRIATE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES.

QTE CERTIFICATION FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE EMBASSY IN DUE COURSE.

QTE THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QTE.

2. EMBASSY POUCHING FOR EA/ANP-MICHAUD FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (A) A COPY OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE; (B) ONE COPY EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATIONS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES, QUEENSLAND AND AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA; AND (C) ONE COPY EACH OF THE KANGAROO MANAGEMENT PLANS FROM THE THREE STATES. HARGROVE

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